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THREAT TO INDIAN OCEAN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that extra regional powers are focussing their attention on the Indian Ocean; and

(b) if so, the details of such threat and the concrete steps taken by Indian Navy to counter it?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): In view of its strategic importance, the Indian Ocean has always received focussed attention of some extra regional powers. The prevailing external strategic/security environment and the emerging threat perceptions are factored in while formulating the modernization and development plans of the Indian Navy so as to ensure maritime security of the country.